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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Psychological Strategy Board

SUBJECT:

State Department draft pursuant to paragraph 6, c.  
of PSB D-24, (PSB D-24/1).

Supplementing the concurrence forwarded last week with the State Department's third suggested course of action in connection with PSB D-24, we offer the following suggestions for use in developing the plan:

1. The action should be a joint effort by as many countries as possible, with special emphasis on the NATO bloc. If, however, other nations do not agree to omit official condolences, our position should be re-examined as to the consequences of unilateral action.
2. While pursuing the policy of omitting official messages of condolence to the Soviet Government, quasi-official statements should be issued by a number of top-rank U. S. officials expressing the friendship of the American people for the peoples of the Soviet Union and the hope that new Soviet leadership will grant its people the basic freedoms and justice enjoyed by the Free World.
3. U. S. religious, trade, welfare, professional, cultural and other organizations should issue statements and send messages to their counterparts in the USSR, expressing their desire to establish friendly relations and making concrete offers for the exchange of ideas and persons.
4. It would be desirable for high U. S. military spokesmen in quasi-official statements to press and radio to express the hope that the Soviet armed forces, as the historic protectors of the Soviet people, will take this opportunity to see that the tyrannical oppression their peoples have suffered for 36 years does not endure under the new regime.

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